Profit of Super Bazar, New Delhi

2152. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the profit earned by Super Bazar, New Delhi during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) what is the total number of share holders of Super Bazar as in April, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Profit earned by the Co-operative Store Ltd., New Delhi commonly known as 'Super Bazar', during the last three years, year-wise is as under:—

	(Rs. in Lakhs)
1981-82	19·19
1982-83	36·03
1983-84	45·85

(b) 20,563.

Information policy

2153. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have circulated a draft of the New Information Policy to newspapers and journals;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the Policy; and

(c) by when the proposed policy is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Since the Policy is still under consideration in consultation with all concerned, it will be difficult to indicate at this stage the likely date of its implementation.

Rural Development Programmes in Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh

2154. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main rural development programmes now being implemented in Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh for the landless farmers/labourers;

(b) whether these programmes have yielded any substantial increase in the cultivation of grains and paddy; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) to (c) The main rural development programmes being implemented by the Department of Rural Development are the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP), the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and the Desert Development Programme (DDP). The IRDP, NREP and RLEGP are being implemented throughout the country including Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. While the DPAP is being implemented in selected blocks of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, the DDP is not being implemented in these States. However, out of these programmes, it is only the RLEGP which specifically focusses on the rural landless labour. Information regarding the increase in the cultivation of grains and paddy as a consequence of these programmes is not being collected at present.